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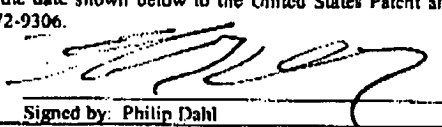
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Case No.: 57079US005

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Application No.: 10/764721 Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed: January 26, 2004 Examiner: Peter G. O'Sullivan
Title: AROMATIC IMIDE AND AROMATIC METHYLIDYNETRISULFONYL
COMPOUNDS AND METHOD OF MAKING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response follows the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004. Claims 1 - 8 are pending. Claims 1 - 8 stand restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1 - 8, said to be drawn to sulfonylimines, classified in Class 564, subclass 82+;
- II. Claims 1 and 2 - 8, said to be drawn to sulfonylmethanes, classified in Class 568, subclass 34+;

In addition, the Examiner requires election of a single disclosed species for examination purposes.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I without traverse and elect the species described in Example 1 of the present specification.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I and elect the species described in Example 1 of the present specification. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

November 5, 2004

Date

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